

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FOCUSING ON WORKING FAMILIES

SPEECH OF

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, thank you, Congresswoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN, for your tireless advocacy for working families. I'd also like to thank Ranking Member BOBBY SCOTT for leading the way, as ranking member of the Education and Workforce Committee, and with this important agenda.

Let me start by telling Andre's story.

Andre is from California, he's 31 and a father of four boys. He was a trained apprenticed carpenter.

When he began to look for work, he learned quickly that without a personal connection, it was nearly impossible to get a job in the construction industry. Every morning, he hustled to get to work sites by 5 AM to introduce himself to employers and show them his skills.

Seldom did he receive the opportunity to actually apply for a job.

As a result, he could barely sustain his family. Any income he had went to food, transportation and rent. So, he began volunteering with the Los Angeles Black Workers Center, which connected him to a good-paying job building new rail lines that let him provide for his family.

The unemployment and underemployment that Andre and other Black workers experience is not unique. The use of informal networks in hiring means that Black workers are often excluded and discriminated against before they even get a shot. Andre said: "Too many people are out there talking about training, like we're not trained enough. Training is not the issue. I was trained really well. The issue is access."

Andre is right—all the training in the world won't help if in the end, employers won't give people like Andre a fair shot.

And this agenda is designed to give Andre, his family and all families, a fair chance.

Andre's struggle reflects the divide in our economy and our country: while some have recovered fully from the Great Recession, too many working families are still struggling.

And in communities of color, which were the hardest hit by the Great Recession, unemployment and underemployment remains sky-high—and wage discrimination and formal and informal barriers to employment continue to slow economic growth.

For example, African American women in my home state of California still earn just 64 cents for every dollar paid to white men. And Latinas earn a mere 44 cents. This persistent wage gap is a reflection of our economy, which is leaving too many working families behind—especially communities of color.

That's why the Working Family Agenda is so important.

It takes long overdue steps to level the playing field for all.

Specifically, this agenda would: raise the wage for millions, strengthen collective bargaining and improve working conditions, provide paid sick and family leave, and expand access to childcare.

Furthermore, it would provide long overdue protections for women and LGBT Americans in the workplace.

And as a former small business owner, I know the importance and value of providing your employees with a living wage: it's better for your company and for retaining good workers.

Mr. Speaker, now is the time to take action on this agenda—families need it and our economy needs it. Let's boost wages, make it easier for families to balance work and family life, and bring an end to workplace discrimination.

That's what American families want—and it's what Congress should be working on.

RECOGNIZING JERRY DAVIS AS THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize Mr. Jerry Davis from Florida's First Congressional District, for being selected as the Northwest Florida Agricultural Innovator of the Year.

Jerry's love of farming derives from his childhood, when he helped grow soybeans and wheat on his family's farm. Since the beginning, Jerry has been an innovator in the agricultural arena. By the time he was 20, he designed a seed conditioning plant to clean and bag seed for planting. In 1987, he became involved in the testing of a crop simulation model developed by scientists in USDA's Agricultural Research Services and Mississippi State and Clemson Universities. The model allowed participants to optimize inputs in relation to weather, nitrogen, moisture stress, crop maturity, growth resultants, and harvest aid materials. As a result of this innovative project, Jerry and the other participating growers saw net profits on test fields increase by more than \$30 per acre.

In the late 1990s, Jerry began expanding his farming operation from Santa Rosa County to Escambia County in Florida and Baldwin and Hale counties in Alabama. At the time, he was the only peanut grower in Hale and one of the first in Baldwin. Similarly, he was one of the first farmers to grow 30-inch twin row peanuts and use grid sampling and precision agriculture to perfect his technique over thousands of acres.

Most recently, Jerry has partnered with the University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to grow carinata, a plant that has the potential to help meet the renew-

able energy demands of the United States. Along with Northwest Florida scientists, Jerry is testing the viability of carinata in Northwest Florida and its potential use as a source of renewable jet fuel.

The Davis family farming tradition continues today as his wife Patty and daughter Caitlynn are also active on the farm, which comprises cotton, peanuts, wheat, corn, soybeans, vegetables, livestock, and other crops.

Aside from his agricultural contributions, Jerry is known throughout his community for his kind nature and willingness to help others. Jerry has participated in 12 mission trips to Central and South America, spreading his faith and helping those in need, and every Thanksgiving, he and his family donate sweet potatoes that are included in a box of Thanksgiving food that is provided to members of the Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in need.

Despite his busy schedule, Jerry is always happy to promote Northwest Florida agriculture and also has a very extensive civic resume including serving as District 1 Florida Farm Bureau Director since 2009, Santa Rosa County Farm Bureau President, Chairman of the Agricultural Research Committee for Cotton Incorporated, a member of the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Peanut Advisory Committee, a member of the Southern Cotton Growers Farm Bill Task Force, and a director of the Florida and Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. Board.

Mr. Speaker, Northwest Florida and our Nation share a proud agricultural tradition built by the hard work of farmers and their families. The Northwest Florida Agricultural Innovator of the Year Award is a reflection of Jerry's tireless work and dedication to improving farming practices. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to Jerry Davis for being outstanding in his field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes to him and the Davis family for their continued success.

RECOGNIZING GUITARS FOR HEROES

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a special veterans program in North Texas known as Guitars For Heroes. As an initiative through the Recreation Therapy Services of the VA North Texas Health Care System, the program was founded in 2012 by Fort Worth VA Outpatient Clinic Supervisor Donna Gerron with the objective of assisting veterans through music therapy.

Guitars For Heroes provides veterans 12 sessions of free instruction, acoustic guitars, and accessory kits with the intent of restoring joy and a renewed purpose in life. Veterans from all different backgrounds who are overcoming traumatic experiences, depression, or

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isolation have found solidarity and restoration through the program.

For over three years, Guitars For Heroes has mentored veterans into becoming fine musicians. I am pleased to announce that they will be performing at the Annual Veterans Fair on November 7, 2015, in Grapevine, Texas. This annual event, made possible by the tireless work of dedicated personnel, helps introduce veterans to important benefits, programs, and services. It will be a privilege to have Guitars For Heroes perform in front of the hundreds of attending veterans.

As a special acknowledgment, I am pleased to recognize each member of Guitars For Heroes performing at the fair. These honorable veterans are Mike Andersen, James Benson, Steve Brenner, James Bullard, Rondal Burns, Keith Burrowes, Marco Garcia, Djuan Jackson, Brian Michel, Frank Precure, Juan Reyes, Alfred Schram, Roy Vaughn, Glen Wilson, and Bill Yohn.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the success of Guitars For Heroes, and I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing this special program.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 29, 2015 AS DIRECT SELLING DAY

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize today, October 29, 2015, as Direct Selling Day.

For years, the direct selling industry has made a significant impact on both families and the economy in Texas and across the nation.

Today, more than 18 million Americans, hailing from every state, Congressional district and community in the United States, are involved in direct selling.

For many individuals, direct selling is one of the most flexible businesses there is, and in today's busy world having an opportunity to work at one's own pace and earn additional income is beneficial and convenient when individuals are trying to balance work with family and other priorities.

Out of the more than 18 million Americans involved in direct selling, more than two million reside in Texas. Many of the residents I represent in Dallas and Fort Worth chose direct selling to provide economic security for their families.

Their efforts contribute more than \$34 million to the U.S. economy, helping individuals build their businesses while supporting their local and national economies.

As the economy continues to change and place more emphasis on flexibility, the direct selling industry will continue to grow and prosper.

It is clear that the direct selling companies across Texas and around the country are committed to helping the next generation of American entrepreneurs. Since its founding in September 2015, the Direct Sellers Caucus has worked to build greater awareness of direct selling and discuss policy issues relevant to the industry, ensuring that these companies can continue to make an impact on the lives of those involved.

In honor of the Direct Sellers Association's day on the Hill and the impact the industry has

on both local communities and the nation as a whole, this statement will be submitted.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERGEANT MAJOR ALAN M. GIBSON

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Sergeant Major Alan M. Gibson, the Division G3 Sergeant Major for the 4th Infantry and Fort Carson, Colorado, who will be retiring from the United States Army after 32 years of distinguished service to the United States of America. He will be honored at a retirement ceremony on Friday, October 30, 2015 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

A Georgia man through and through, Sergeant Major Alan Gibson is originally from Columbus, Georgia and graduated from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation/Kinesiology in 1982. He is currently working on a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. SGM Gibson joined the United States Army in October 1983 and completed basic training at Fort McClelland, Alabama and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. In his first assignment, he served as an Infantryman in the Berlin Brigade from March 1984 to October 1985.

After departing Berlin, Germany, SGM Gibson attended Airborne School and the Ranger Indoctrination Program (RIP) prior to being assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, at Fort Benning while he served as a Rifleman, Team Leader, and Squad Leader from October 1985 to April 1989. In fact, he would return to Fort Benning several times throughout his career. He also served in numerous leadership and staff positions at Fort Myer, Virginia; Yongsan, Korea; Fort Monroe, Virginia; and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he was the Sergeant Major for the Center for Army Leadership for the Combined Arms Center (CAC).

SGM Gibson served four combat tours, including Operation Just Cause in Panama; Operation Iraqi Freedom 1 in Iraq; Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF 13-14) in Afghanistan; and he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait.

SGM Gibson is a highly decorated non-commissioned Army officer. His numerous awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with V devices, Bronze Star w/ 1OLC, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd Award), Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge with Bronze Star, Pathfinder Badge, Aviation Crewmember Badge, Canadian Parachutist Badge, German Schutzenschnur Badge (Silver), and the coveted Ranger Tab, among many others. SGM Gibson also was awarded the Order of Saint Maurice (Infantry), and Order of The Combat Spurs (Cavalry).

On a personal note, I am proud to call SGM Alan Gibson my friend. I have witnessed firsthand his compassionate leadership and his enduring dedication to our great nation. Throughout his distinguished career, SGM Gibson has consistently exhibited the Seven Core Army Values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect,

Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

SGM Gibson has certainly accomplished many things in his life but none of this would have been possible without the love and support of his wife, Cheryl, and their three daughters, Asia Rochelle, Alana Shantelle and Ariel Danae.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask my colleagues to join me and my wife, Vivian, in extending our sincerest gratitude and best wishes to Sergeant Major Alan Gibson and his family, on the occasion of his retirement from a stellar career of 32 years in the United States Army.

RECOGNIZING THE HENDRICKS FAMILY AS THE 2015 SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, OUT- STANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Hendricks Family from Jay, Florida, for being selected as the 2015 Santa Rosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

A fourth generation farmer, Rick Hendricks was only six years old when he first began to work on the farm alongside his father, B.D. By the age of 12, he had graduated to using a selective tractor, and as a teenager, he worked on the farm after school and athletic practices before going off to college at Livingston University. Rick played football at Livingston before his love of the farm brought him home.

During Rick's farming career, several changes have taken place in the agricultural industry, and he has witnessed and experienced the new picker/balers, as well as changes in cotton and peanut production equipment from two-row to six-row. Over the years, the Hendricks' family farm has grown and incorporated new technology, and today, in addition to his own farming operation, Rick manages Hendricks and Son Farms, Inc. and B.D. Hendricks Farm, which in total covers 2,250 acres and includes 200 brood cows and row crops of cotton, peanuts, and hay.

To Rick, his wife Nina of 27 years, and their children, Brandt, Rush, and Tessa, farming is an investment in their future. It is Rick's hope, that the value of hard work instilled in him by his parents, will also create the strong foundation for future success for his children. It is also truly a family affair, and today the Hendricks family farm is also operated by Rick's sister, Vicki; nephews, Tanner and Todd; as well as full time employee, Dylan Barnes.

In addition to the hours spent on the farm, Rick has served as a member and advisor of many organizations including terms as President of the Board for Santa Rosa County Farm Bureau and the Jay Peanut Farmers Cooperative.

Mr. Speaker, Northwest Florida and our Nation share a proud agricultural tradition built by the hard work of farmers and their families. The Santa Rosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of Rick and his family's tireless work and dedication. On behalf of the United States Congress,

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Hendricks Family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

CONGRATULATING VICTOR
MORENO ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Victor Moreno on his retirement from serving as Chief of Police for East Moline Police Department. Victor is rightfully being honored by the East Moline Police Department for his longstanding dedication to the community.

Victor has served a total of 26 years with the department. He has been Chief of Police since 2004 and has given so much comfort to the community with his dedication to public safety. Victor has held himself to the highest moral standard.

Victor has enriched the lives of all those around him. Fortunately, he will continue to serve his community by teaching law enforcement and public safety at United Township High School.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Victor for his commitment to the East Moline Community. I congratulate him again on his well-earned retirement and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MASTER SERGEANT DANIEL LIND WILLIAMS
ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
MARINE CORPS

HON. MARK TAKAI

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Congresswoman TAMMY DUCKWORTH, I would like to take the time today to recognize Master Sergeant Daniel Lind Williams, an American patriot who has devoted his career to working in the United States Marine Corps.

In 1995, Master Sergeant Williams joined the Marine Corps and has served honorably as a Marine ever since. Starting as a training instructor, he was responsible for range scheduling and marksmanship. He was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for high standards of professionalism as a junior Marine and has been decorated with numerous commendations since, including the Bronze Star.

Throughout his career working in counterintelligence and in special operations he has worked on a variety of vital projects leading to a more stable Afghanistan and Iraq. From assisting with the re-opening of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, to working as a counterintelligence representative to the interim Iraqi Government, he has worked to ensure that the society that we live in today is a safer one.

Master Sergeant Williams, thank you for all your years of service to the United States; you have the deepest gratitude of a thankful nation. As you are surely aware, the Marine Corps and the United States are proud of all that you have accomplished for our safety and security as well as the safety and security of our international allies abroad. Thank you very much (mahalo nui loa) for your devotion and patriotism to our country.

SPEAKER BOEHNER TRIBUTE

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor and privilege to pay tribute to my friend, JOHN BOEHNER, who has proudly served as Speaker of the House of Representatives since January 5, 2011.

As many people know, Speaker BOEHNER is the son of a bartender and one of 12 children. The people of southwest Ohio have elected him to serve as their Representative in the House on thirteen separate occasions.

During his service in the House, Speaker BOEHNER has distinguished himself by regularly stepping forward to tackle important challenges facing his Ohio constituents and the country.

JOHN BOEHNER was elected to serve as House GOP Conference Chairman following the election of a historic Republican majority in 1992. As Conference Chairman, BOEHNER played a key role in the adoption of the Balanced Budget Act, which limited spending, helped grow the economy, and resulted in the first budget surplus in decades. He played a central role in shaping and fulfilling the Contract with America.

Later while serving as Chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee, BOEHNER co-wrote the bill establishing the first private school choice program in the District of Columbia, and worked to ensure historic parental choice provisions were included in the bipartisan No Child Left Behind Act.

In 2007, JOHN was chosen by his Republican colleagues to serve as the House Republican Leader. In that role, he led the charge and a unified Republican Conference in opposition to job-killing bills like ObamaCare and a cap-and-trade energy tax, as well as the opposition to the wasteful Obama-Pelosi economic stimulus bill of 2009.

As Speaker of the House, JOHN BOEHNER has continued his legacy of reform. The House has enacted landmark changes that increase transparency and give Americans access to data and information that it never had before. Speaker BOEHNER also oversaw the first meaningful change to entitlement programs in many years as well as significant reductions to the reckless spending levels that became the norm under the previous Democratic majority.

Earlier this year, Speaker BOEHNER's long-time goal of having a Pope address Congress for the first time was realized when Pope Francis addressed a Joint Meeting of Congress. That historic address was a source of

inspiration for Congress and the nation, and was a clear crowning achievement for Speaker BOEHNER.

It is clearly evident by his record that Speaker BOEHNER has been one of the most instrumental and effective members to ever serve in this body. However, I must tell you that in my opinion, he is an even better person than he is a Member of Congress. JOHN BOEHNER, and his wife Debbie, have become close and dear friends of mine. I will always value their friendship, support, and words of encouragement.

Thank you, Speaker JOHN BOEHNER, for your service as a happy warrior. Godspeed, old pal.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, 2015
NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CYBER
DEFENSE COMPETITION NATIONAL
CHAMPIONS

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Central Florida's Collegiate Cyber Defense Club, for winning the National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition this past April. They beat nine other teams to become national champions for the second year in a row.

The club, also known as Hack@UCF, was created in 2012 by students who wanted to compete in regional and national cyber defense competitions. The competition, organized by the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security, is the nation's most prestigious collegiate data defense competition. Ten regional contests around the country included roughly 200 teams consisting of more than 2,400 students. The winning students are, Alexander Davis, Andres Giron, Austin Brogle, Carlos Beltran, Conner Brooks, Jason Cooper, Jonathan Lundstrom, Kevin Colley, Kevin DiClemente, Nathan Dennis, Shane Welch, and Tyler Dever.

It is my pleasure to recognize the University of Central Florida and the students of the Collegiate Cyber Defense Club for winning its second national championship. I congratulate the hard-working faculty and outstanding students that make the University a destination for our nation's best and brightest minds. Go Knights.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on October 28, 2015 I was attending a family member's funeral and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted Aye on Roll Call 577, Aye on Roll Call 578, and Nay on Roll Call 579.

NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL
MONTH

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, October is National Farm to School Month, an important opportunity to celebrate the close connection between local schools and local food in communities throughout the country. Farm to School initiatives play an important role in growing that connection, improving child nutrition, supporting local jobs and economies, and educating the next generation about the sources of their food.

Many of our rural communities are struggling. Meanwhile, access to affordable, nutritious food continues to be a challenge for many inner city communities. With these trends at work, it will be especially important to grow our Farm to School initiatives. One such initiative in Sandusky, Ohio connects students and their families with fresh, healthy food and local food producers. These programs are vitally important because they bridge the gap between rural and urban communities and help build local food systems that provide food security and independence.

It is no wonder that Farm to School programs are cropping up all over the country, today reaching more than 40,000 schools and over 25.5 million students. Here are the outcomes:

For Farmers: Growing sales opportunities. Reliable demand. Expanded community interest in local foods.

For Schools: Reduction in child obesity; fresh and local food options that increase participation rates in school food programs, thereby boosting revenues.

For the Community: Keeps food dollars in the community; ensures healthy local farms that provide jobs, pay taxes, and protect working agricultural land.

Mr. Speaker, America's Farm to School programs are a win-win-win scenario.

So as we conclude this month long celebration, I urge my colleagues in the House to support H.R. 1061, The Farm To School Act of 2015 introduced by Congressman FORTENBERRY, which reauthorizes Farm to School programs through FY 2021 and allows land grant colleges and universities to participate as well.

Connecting our nation's schools to locally produced nutritious foods is not a partisan issue. It affects both Democratic and Republican districts. The House has an opportunity to act on this pressing matter with dispatch today. I suggest we take it.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
FORMER WASHINGTON STATE
SENATOR SCOTT BARR

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my close mentor and friend, former Washington State Senator Scott Barr, who passed away in his Colville, Wash-

ington home last week at the age of ninety-nine. It is especially sad that we will not be able to celebrate his 100th birthday at Edwall Park in August. Washington State lost a passionate leader, one who faithfully served his community and the people of Northeastern Washington.

Before serving in the state legislature, Senator Barr grew wheat and raised cattle near Edwall, Washington. His experience as a farmer encouraged him to become more involved in his local community, culminating in his run for a seat in Washington's 7th Legislative District. In 1976, Senator Barr was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives where he served for seven years before being elected to the Washington State Senate. In the Senate, Senator Barr was a tireless champion for Northeastern Washington, focusing on issues closest to his constituents, agriculture and natural resources. It was often said that if three people were gathered at a meeting in the 7th Legislative District, Senator Barr would be one of them.

Throughout his career, Senator Barr served as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force, co-chaired the Joint Select Committee on Water Resource Policy, and served as the Ranking Republican Member on the Agriculture and Ecology and the Parks committees. In December 1993, Senator Scott Barr announced his retirement from the Washington State Senate, at the age of seventy-seven. Even after his retirement, Senator Barr continued to be a champion for the 7th Legislative District, working to preserve the way of life that those in his community enjoy.

Senator Barr served as the president of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, headed up the Expo Food and Soil Association, and supported youth development through local 4-H programs. Senator Barr was also instrumental in ensuring 4-H programs continued to function and thrive throughout Washington State. Before running for the state legislature, Senator Barr was also a key advocate on behalf of the Lincoln County Conservation District.

On a personal level, Scott was a friend and a role model, not only to me but to everyone serving in Eastern Washington and across our state. Scott desired to better the lives of those around him and to support young people in order that they may reach their full potential. Even in his late nineties, Scott had a contagious energy and excitement for life—he was committed to giving back and remained active in his community.

I rise to thank Senator Scott Barr for his years of service to Northeastern Washington. He leaves behind a legacy in leadership and devotion to his community and will be remembered for his commitment to issues close to the hearts of the people of Washington State. My thoughts and prayers remain with his wife, Dollie Mae, his children, and other family members and friends. Washington State lost a truly dedicated and passionate leader. He will be missed.

CONGRATULATING DAVIS &
ELKINS COLLEGE

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia for their recent acceptance into the Museum Assessment Program (MAP). This program will help develop and improve the College's already outstanding collection, which includes pieces from Native American history, to traditional Appalachian culture, and showcases West Virginia's rich history. This accomplishment required the hard work and dedication of the students, faculty, and staff of Davis & Elkins College. It makes me proud to see colleges like Davis & Elkins thriving. I wish everyone involved with this great achievement the best in their future studies and careers.

HONORING MR. RONALD S.
MOULTRIE

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Ronald S. Moultrie, a United States Intelligence Officer for the National Security Agency (NSA), on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Moultrie has honorably served our country for over 36 years, including time spent in the United States Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Moultrie's most notable position was his tenure as Director of the Signals Intelligence Directorate (SIGINT) program at NSA. As Director, he led a civilian and military workforce, while effectively guiding the integration and transformation of SIGINT reporting, dissemination, and collection capabilities.

His duties at NSA led him to be a key voice in global operational activities of critical importance to the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community. He is considered to be one of NSA's foremost active senior executives, with a strong focus on diversity efforts.

Throughout Mr. Moultrie's career he has been awarded numerous honors including, the USAF Meritorious Service Medal (1983), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (1986), NSA Meritorious Civilian Service Award (1996, 1998), NSA Exceptional Civilian Service Award (2000, 2001, 2015), NSA Director's Distinguished Service Medal (2004), National Intelligence Superior Service Medal (2008), Presidential Rank Award: Meritorious Executive (2011), and the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal (2014).

Mr. Moultrie graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts. He then attended the Defense Intelligence College, where he earned a Master's of Science. Subsequently, he enrolled at the Federal Executive Institute and later became an Intelligence Fellow at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Business.

Mr. Moultrie is married and lives with his wife near Annapolis, Maryland where they are

notable philanthropists. Mr. Moultrie is also a blood donor and a proud member of NSA's Red Cross 10-Gallon Club.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Mr. Moultrie and his lifelong dedicated service to the United States government and the Intelligence Community. It is with great pride that I congratulate Mr. Moultrie on his retirement and wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS DOWN
SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased today to recognize October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Down syndrome is a congenital disorder arising from a chromosome defect, likely a full or partial copy of chromosome 21. This defect causes intellectual impairment and physical abnormalities.

Approximately 1 in 700 babies in the United States are born with Down syndrome. Infants with Down syndrome are more likely to have other medical issues such as hearing loss, heart defects, and various eye diseases. Furthermore, African American infants born with Down syndrome have a lower chance of surviving past the first year of life than infants with Down syndrome from other racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The economic impacts on the families of those with Down syndrome are also staggering. Medical care costs for children in their first four years are twelve times higher than the costs associated with a child without Down syndrome. Nearly 40 percent of families have suffered a financial setback or have forced a family member to stop working because of the child's condition.

Progress has been made in some areas that impact individuals with Down syndrome. The life expectancy for individuals with this disability has greatly increased. The 21st Century Cures Act, a bipartisan bill that passed the House of Representatives earlier this session, provides additional funding to the National Institute of Health for medical research that one day may move the needle of innovation in research and treatment forward enough to improve the lives of individuals with Down syndrome.

I am pleased to recognize the 400,000 Americans with Down syndrome and the families who have sacrificed so that these individuals can live their lives to the fullest.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEEP
LOSS BEING EXPERIENCED BY
NEW MEXICAN COMMUNITIES
DUE TO THE DEATH OF LILLY
GARCIA

HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the sorrow and profound loss that is being felt in communities across New Mexico following a heinous act of violence that took the life of an innocent young girl.

Four year-old Lilly Garcia was in the back seat of her car with her family, when in a case of road rage, a bullet that was fired at her car, hit her, and killed her. This senseless violence was shocking and heartbreaking. It has shaken our community to its core. We cannot turn a blind eye to violence like this. Sadly this story of violence is not unique.

In Rio Rancho we lost Officer Gregg Benner who was shot and killed in the line of duty, and in Albuquerque, Officer Daniel Webster died this week after he too was shot in the line of duty. We must have a real discussion about how we address the violence that has taken the lives of too many loved ones, and only by coming together as a community can we make a change.

My heart goes out to the family of Lilly Garcia and all those who have lost someone they love to violence.